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GRAMMAR COURSE

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The first and last leaves are for practice in writing the copy before beginning upon it in the book. They may be divided and detached.

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Fig. 1. Front Position.

for it may secure a better light. In either case, the body is erect, and near, but not resting against the desk. The left hand holds the book in place. The left forearm is always placed parallel to the lines on which the pupil writes, while the right forearm is at right angles to the same lines. This makes it an easy matter to give the right slant to the letters. Assuming this to be the relative position of the arms and the book, it follows that in the side position the right arm should be placed parallel to the front edge of the desk, and perhaps four or five inches from it, while the top of the copy-book should be parallel to the end of the desk.

In the front position, the arms are placed at right angles to each other. The book is placed in the same relative position to the arms, — *i.e.*, so that the left arm is parallel to the line of copy and the right arm makes a right angle with this line. The feet rest firmly on the floor, the right foot slightly in

MOVEMENT lies at the foundation of good penmanship; that is, penmanship which is legible and easily and rapidly written. An easy movement depends upon a correct position at the desk. This subject, then, requires attention. The best position is usually that shown in Fig. 1; and pupils should take this, providing the desks are large enough and are so placed that the strongest light comes from the left side. The position shown in Fig. 2, however, has some advantages,

advance of the left. The right arm is placed far enough on the desk to form a rest on the muscles just forward of the elbow. The arm should never be drawn off so far that the rest comes on the wrist. The muscles forward of the elbow form the center of motion; and the arm is free to move on these

muscles in any direction. The hand rests on the nails of the third and fourth fingers. The side of the hand must not touch the desk or paper. Careful practice on the movement exercises found on the third page of cover will serve to confirm this position if the preceding directions are strictly followed.

The pen is held lightly between the thumb and first and second fingers, with the first finger placed on the penholder about one inch from the point of the pen; and the penholder crosses the second finger just above the nail. The hand should move easily from left to right, as shown in the first movement exercise. Do not let the pupils *pinch* the penholder, for that will cramp the fingers and tire the hand.

The accompanying illustrations will make clear the position at desk and manner of penholding; and the teacher should perseveringly insist on the carrying out of these directions by the pupils in the class.

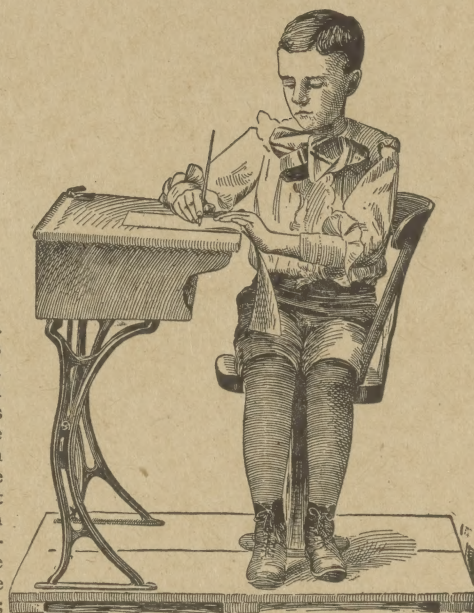
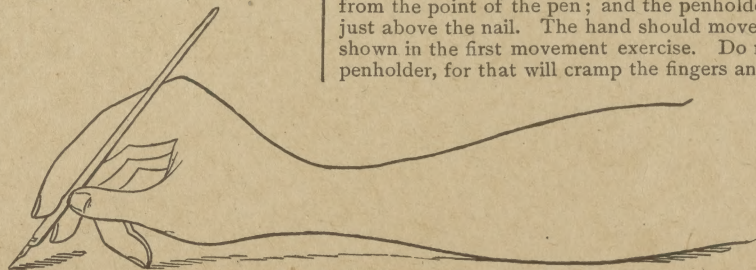


Fig. 2. Side Position.



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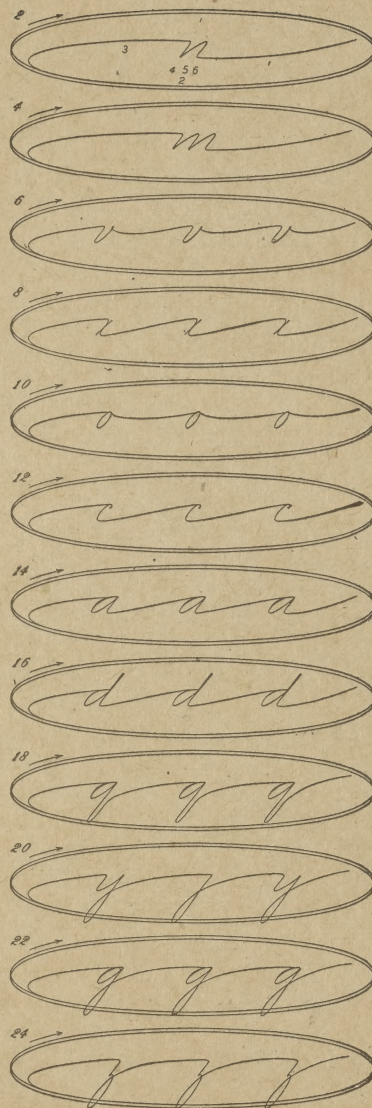
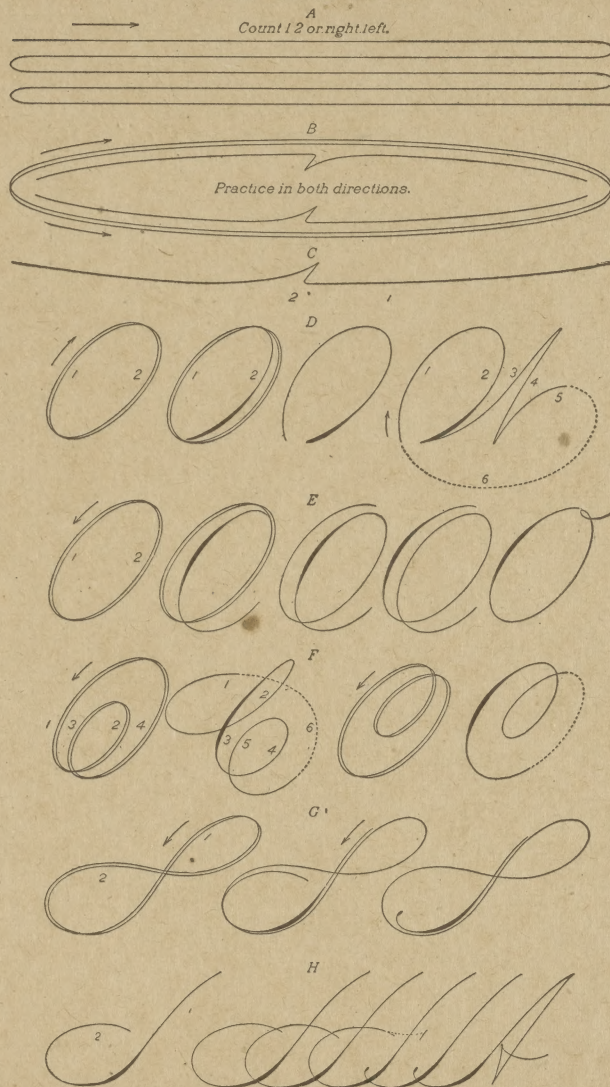
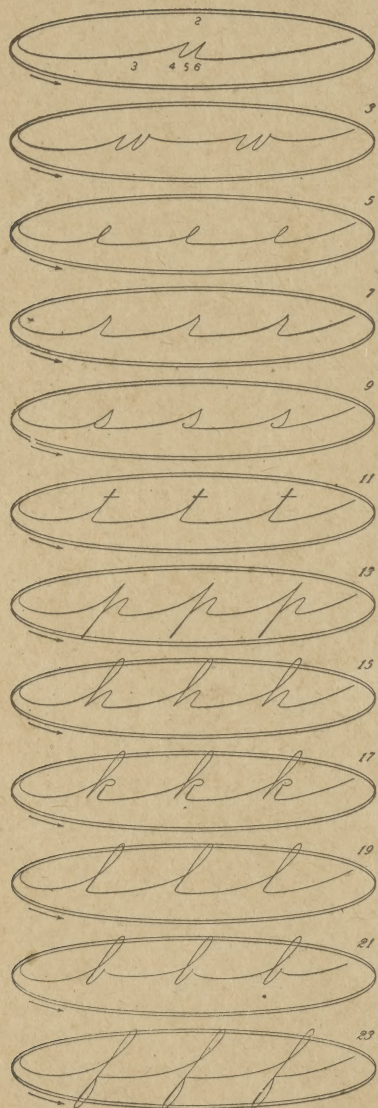
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MOVEMENT EXERCISES.



The pupils should trace the above exercises with a dry pen before each lesson, using a free movement. Select the one which will bear on the lesson to be written. Trace a few times, then practise with ink on loose paper. In practice, the size may be reduced or increased.

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